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Title : Component with a Platinum-Aluminum Substrate Area,  
Platinum-Aluminum Coating and Production Method

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

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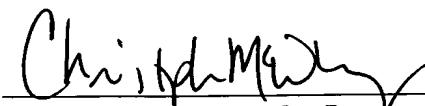
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